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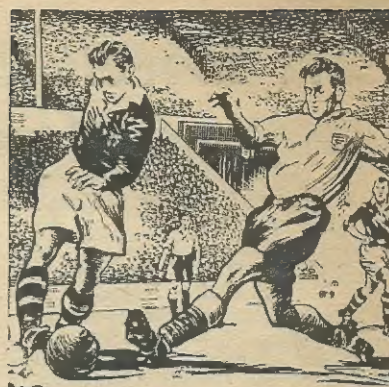


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Tough test for Victoria at Olympic Park **RED CARPET WELCOME TO QUEENSLAND**

THIS is the first time in several years — since Melbourne's Interstate Carnival, in fact — that Victoria has had the opportunity of extending hospitality to Queensland, and plans have been laid to make certain that our guests will take away with them when they leave happy thoughts of a memorable occasion.

There will be only three hours of their stay in Melbourne during which they will not have their own way — the two 90-minute periods they will spend on the pitch at Olympic Park. At all other times,

officials are available who will make it their business to see that their visit is pleasant and comfortable.

Many of the team personnel have been here as members of Australian Test, Queensland, or Olympic squads — Bunny Nunn, Cliff Sander, Al Warren, Col Kitching, Mal Wild and others will need little introduction to the local scene.

Mr. John Pattison, the visitors' coach, and Mr. R. Mitchell, their manager, will no doubt be pleased with the facilities and playing surface at Olympic Park, Victoria's soccer headquarters.

Mr. Pattison, who took over from Mr. Harry Brophy two years ago, and has produced the team which defeated N.S.W. five times and drew once in the last eight encounters.

Mr. Pattison played professional football with the famous Scottish League teams Motherwell and Queen's Park Rangers.

"Soccer News" readily joins Victorian soccer fraternity in laying down the red carpet for Queensland, and wishing them success — except during those two 90-minute periods we mentioned!

All Blacks at Olympic Park

THERE will be no soccer games at Olympic Park next Saturday. A Rugby Union international match will be staged instead.

A representative Victorian side will meet the touring New Zealand ALL BLACKS.

Before the season commenced, the Olympic Park Trustees advised the Soccer Association that this date was reserved for the Rugby international.

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Six Moreland men among England World Cup squad

SIX Moreland players are among the provisional list from which the England side to play Holland at Olympic Park June 23 will be selected. Hakoah have four names among the possibles.

The squad so far includes:

Hobson, Innard, Eastaway, Oxton, Hodgson, Goding (Moreland); Kieran, Harburn, Sutherland, Piercy (Hakoah); Logan, Henderson (Sunshine City); Frost (Preston) Lazenby (Park Rangers); West (Dandenong Robbers); Blunt (Yallourn).

Players listed should advise Mr. J. H. Stephen, 87 Cobden Street, Kew, E.4, whether they will be available.

Nominations of other players who want to be considered for places should be made to Mr. Stephen before next Tuesday. Applications should give positions and experience.

CUP RULE

World Cup players cannot play for the team representing a country of another nationality if their own home country is represented in the competition.

This rule was laid down as a permanent principle of the Laidlaw Sunday series at last week's

meeting of the International League Committee.

It was also decided that "countries" whose delegates failed to attend meetings without prior notification to the League secretary (Mr. J. Oliphant) will be fined £5.

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Remember Joe Kiernan, England's left-half, when they toured Australia back in 1951? He has settled in Melbourne and may be seen shortly in Hakoah colours. He's also among the possibles for Australia's "England" to meet Holland, June 23.

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Police are investigating equipment thefts at South Yarra's Fawkner Park locker room. A soccer ball, two pairs of shorts and a whistle were stolen last week-end.

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GET RADIO ACTIVE!

REMEMBER, radio takes over week-ends to keep you right up to the minute with soccer news. On Fridays, Stuart Beaton, Jim Paul and Tony Charlton preview the week-end games from 6.15 p.m. on 3KZ. John Oliphant and Glen Millins breeze through the day's highlights on 3XY at 6.30 p.m. Saturdays, with news of results and reactions. Why not tune in?

THREE TROPHIES FOR SCHOOLS

THE Technical Schools are competing for three cups this season.

There will be trophies for the premiers of each section, the premiers of Sections 1 and 2 will then play a knock-out round and the winners will meet the premiers of Section 3 for the Metropolitan Championship.

Results so far show a more or less even strength in all teams, with several close contests.

First Round.

Section 2, South Zone: Oakleigh, 4; Caulfield, 2; Dandenong, 4; Sandringham, 2; Brighton, 4; Moorabbin, 0.

Section 3, North: Preston, 4; Sunshine, 2; Coburg, 7; Heidelberg, 0; Essendon, 2; Footscray, 0; Collingwood, bye.

Section 1, Centre: Box Hill, 1; Ferntree Gully, 0; Swinburne, 3; Jordanville, 1; Richmond, 4; Prahran, 1.

Second Round.

Central: Swinburne, 5; Ferntree Gully, 0; Richmond, 1; Jordanville, 0; Box Hill, 3; Prahran, 0.

South: Oakleigh, 3; Caulfield, 3; Sandringham, 0; Caulfield, 0; Brighton, 3; Dandenong, 1.

North: Collingwood, 2; Sunshine, 1; Preston, 3; Essendon, 0; Footscray, 2; Coburg, 2; Heidelberg, bye.



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To the Editor

Press reports "a slur on Maltese"

SIR,—In the Press it has been stated that referee Emil Hecht was beaten by George Cross supporters after the South Melbourne match. It was also said there were about 80 spectators responsible.

This is an exaggeration, and has been written to run down Maltese soccer fans. It is unbelievable a man could be punched and kicked by nearly 80 men and remain alive, or at least not be in hospital on the danger list.

I was present throughout the match, and am sure no more than a dozen spectators were involved in the brawl. I can frankly say that the person who worked hardest of all to disperse the attackers and who did his utmost to help Mr. Hecht was George Cross captain, Vincent Muscat.

In the Press it said the crowd became angry when a free kick was awarded against George Cross with South Melbourne leading 1-0. This was not so, according to general opinion.

Even before the match started, I noticed the crowd were getting angry; they were saying George Cross would lose, and that every time Mr. Hecht refereed George Cross, they were defeated.

Spectators were further incensed after a foul had been committed by the George Cross outside-left, and his name was taken, for, seconds later, a foul by a South Melbourne player passed without any action from the referee. Then two fouls in the penalty area were awarded to George Cross, not as penalties, but as indirect free kicks!

I feel very sorry for everything that happened, and I hope nothing

like this occurs again because of the loss of prestige to the game.
—Yours, etc.,

"SOCCER FOLLOWER"
(Richmond).

NATIONALISM.

SIR,—Allow me to express my indignation at the horrible sportsmanship displayed by players and supporters on the last two Saturdays. I have seen many Metropolitan games, and to me it is the national clubs who make the referee's job very difficult. Despite the appeals for cleaner play in "Soccer News," these clubs are not learning anything about the laws of the game.

I believe these wild clubs should be banned from soccer for the rest of the season. Drastic action is required, otherwise there is a good chance we will lose our referees, whom we badly need to help us along the road to a better standard of football.

My suggestion of banning clubs was put into effect many years ago and was proved successful.—
Yours, etc.,

T. CRADDOCK
(Williamstown).

(More letters on page 10.)

Is this the answer?

SIR,—Something has got to be done quickly about these attacks on referees. Apart from soccer getting a bad Press they could easily end in tragedy.

A civilised community cannot, and does not, tolerate mob rule, and though clubs cannot control spectators, they can control players. It is the players who trigger off incidents.

To ensure clubs become discipline-conscious, I suggest each club affiliated to the V.A.S.F.A. deposit a sum of money (say, First Division £75, Second Division £50, Third Division £30, Metropolitan North and South £20 each).

Then if a player hits a referee his club would forfeit the deposit, and he would not play again until a new deposit had been paid. In this way, clubs would be very careful: (a) to keep strict discipline, (b) to eliminate hot-heads from their ranks.

The money could be invested in a Trust Fund, the proceeds of which could pay doctors' fees, etc. If no incidents occurred the proceeds could go to a worthy charity.—Yours, etc.,

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SOCCER GOSSIP

By

Ron Ford

GEORGE CROSS PROTEST — BLAME BODGIES

BLACKLISTED George Cross have protested to the Soccer Council and the Referees' Association against the referees' decision to suspend coverage of their games until action is taken on the June 1 mauling of referee Emil Hecht.

The Maltese club promise strict security measures to prevent mob brawling and protect referees and players. They also deny their supporters assaulted Hecht. They say their investigation shows the

attack was by "bodgies who weren't even watching the game."

George Cross, rocked by the referee ban and the threat of severe Council action which could rule out their promotion hopes, are desperately urging re-consideration.

Anti-riot moves promised by the club in letters to the two organisations are:

- Engagement of two mounted policemen and a foot policeman.
- Car for the referee after the games.
- Roped-off pitch.
- Intensified search for an enclosed ground.

Say George Cross: "Spectators in an open paddock do not pay an entry fee, so nobody can tell who is who and whom they support. We feel it is unfair to blame us."

South Yarra provided referees for incident-free George Cross games last week. Both Maltese sides won 4-1.

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SANDRINGHAM newcomer, left-back Paddy Sullivan, was voted a certain regular first-team man after his showing against Croatia last week. For two weeks they have a lay-off, however, and hope to be back to full strength for their Pascoe Vale fixture on June 29. Meanwhile, the reserves are training hard for their Harry Armstrong Cup quarter final against Coburg next Saturday.

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JUNIORS GO CONTINENTAL

Junior teams are showing a noticeable change from British-style soccer to Continental short-passing play, according to junior league officials. The Junior Association are giving the youngsters' State side more coaching and trial games this season, ready for their July Skolnik Cup game against South Australia.

200-up last Saturday

GRAEME JAMES played his 200th game for South Melbourne last Saturday. His brother, Max, has been connected with South Melbourne longer, but three years overseas — mainly in Canada — has allowed Graeme to beat him to the double century.

Max was a member of the 1948 South Melbourne side that won a charity cup by beating Division 2 champions Footscray, Dockerty Cup winners Park Rangers, and Division 1 champions Box Hill, all in the same month, is settling down as the team's regular left-back.

• South Melbourne were "delighted" with Billy Cook's showing on his return to the seniors last week. A header to Colin McLeod led to the first goal and a Cook

long shot made the score two. Said South Melbourne: "His tireless, robust play at inside-right opened up many scoring chances..."

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Several Maccabi supporters travelled with the team to Sydney this week-end for their cup game against Kadimah Progress. In charge of the team are president Mr. S. Rubinstein, vice-president Mr. H. Goldenstein, and treasurer Mr. J. Marks.

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HANS VAN EGMOND (since you can't see his face you'll have to take our word for it) had to do plenty of plain and fancy diving like this in defending Hakoah's goal last week. Rein Yntema (left) and Max Vivoli, duellists throughout the match, take the "On Guard!" position.

Referees just don't seem safe ANYWHERE!

WEST AUSTRALIAN First Division side Azzuri — an Italian club — have been banned from playing on their home ground for the rest of the season, following two attacks on referees by spectators.

A referee was assaulted on May 25 and another official was punched and kicked during the interval in last week's game.

Still too good for young 'uns

BEGORRA! When he gets his Irish up, there's no holding Archie McAvoy. At 35, he runs rings round the young 'uns. He's cool, man, cool. His 15-yard sprint leaves them standing. Archie's the pride of Williamstown, where they call him the wizard of dribble. Playing better than he did 10 years ago!

Weddings have been causing team trouble at Sunshine United! The changes upset the side when D. Sharp and A. McColl took time off to get married. But they're back from honeymoon now — so, from Sunshine, it's double congratulations twice!

WATCH out for a brand-new grey car outside the players' entrance . . . it will be Brighton secretary Don Bingham. He's on a lightning recruiting campaign — and he just can't get round fast enough.

Coming shortly? In the mail bag: "This week," says Richmond, "we have only one news item, but, on the other thought, it has to be discussed yet, therefore we will leave it for next week."

Ah, well, watch this space. . . .

Hot competition for places at Williamstown

WILLIAMSTOWN have so many players that five or six are asked to step down every week. Seems they dropped all their scorers in the last game. Right-back H. Jones was taking corners and his colleagues in defence swamped the Fairfield goal. But they lost, 1-3. Ces Boyd even kicked a penalty straight at the goalkeeper!

The 'Town's goal was scored by outside-left Joe Price. And he came out of retirement for the game after a year-old cartilage injury!

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BRIEFLY . . .

• **NEW** non-league club, Maltese Rangers, take on Sandringham City in a social game June 23.

• **GEORGE CROSS** forward M. Caccia missed TWO penalty kicks last week.

• **YALLOURN** have lost forward H. Saxelby . . . to Rules!

• **BRIGHTON'S** second round Dockerty Cup game against F.N.D. will be played at Dendy Reserve June 22 — not Elsternwick.

• **WILLIAMSTOWN** want Sunday friendlies. Ground is near North Williamstown station.

• **SOUTH YARRA'S** Pat Curran — leg injuries — will be out of the side for six weeks.

• **MELBOURNE** are playing George Cross in a friendly game at Princes Park Sunday (3 p.m.).

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With Debone injured and J. H. Gruppeta under suspension, George Cross will bring in L. Farugial and G. Buttigieg for their Sunshine City game.

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Lions say that referee G. W. Hookings, who handled both their Dockerty Cup games against Preston, was one of the best they have had.

PENZO THE SURPRISE IN POWERFUL VIC. SIDE



Pictured above is **MAL WILD**, Queensland's inside-left. Mal has been seen in Melbourne many times with his State team.

THE Victorian State team of 1957 should prove to be as powerful a combination as the one which crushed New South Wales in two matches last year.

Led by hardy perennial Tom Jack, veteran Australian, Victorian, and Hakoah skipper, the team consists of a sturdy defence, clever attack, and strong reserves.

Nothing more than that can be demanded of a State selection committee — and this year's group, Mr. Kurt Defris, Mr. Reg. Lawrence, and Mr. Tony Kiburg are to be commended for their display of well-balanced judgment.

Surprise, but well-deserved, choice for goal-keeper is George Penzo, of Geelong. A 'keeper who has helped his team to yield less than one goal per game in 11 league matches is entitled to the most favorable consideration. Joe Ruyters, the other outstanding candidate for this position, is the reserve goalie, and may take the field in the second match.

There is little need to discuss Tom Jack's inclusion in the side. Naturally older and slower than when he was in his hey-day, Tom nevertheless remains Victoria's strongest captain and top tactician. He is as fit as a fiddle, and his keen anticipation, plus his rugged tackling, make him just as hard to pass as ever.

The wily, wiry Cor Mathysen, Wilhelm's tower of strength at left-back, has lost none of the ability he showed in the State team last year.

The half-back line could have caused the selectors to ponder a while, but it is hard to see how their final choice — Bob Wemyss, Max Vivoli, and Tony Vella — could be bettered.

The forwards practically selected themselves. Lolly Vella, Pepe Cubero, Rein Yntema, Sjel de Bruyckere, and Ralph Piercy combine to make up what is possibly — nay, probably — the strongest attack in Australia.

With Gennari (right-back), Harburn (wing-half), Osardas (Melbourne centre-half), and Frank Loughran (forward) in reserve, we are afraid that we cannot hold out much hope of success for our Queensland visitors!

SKIPPER



Stalwart Tom Jack adds another honour to his collection this afternoon when he skips Victoria.

RIVALS



RIVALS to-day are Gordon ("Bunny") Nunn (left), Queensland's outside-right, who has visited Melbourne several times with representative teams, and Polonia's skipper and tower of strength, wing-half Bob Wemyss.

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WILD

S. KITCHING

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WARREN

RULE

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QUEENSLAND

Monday's Officials — Referee, Mr. Hutchinson.

Linesmen: Hecht and McCarthy.

Division 1 review by Morrie Buckner

Juventus forward shuffle needed

WHEN Brighton pulled one of their typical surprises and toppled Slavia last Saturday, they unfortunately failed to improve their own position on the ladder, but they helped J.U.S.T. to slip away once again to a six-point lead — and the odds on J.U.S.T. winning their first senior league pennant have stretched to 1000 to 1 or more.

With every team on the top half of the ladder beaten last week except J.U.S.T., some sharp moves resulted.

When Geelong defeated Box Hill 2-1, they rose from sixth to second place on the ladder. Hakoah's 3-2 win over Wilhelmina carried them from seventh place up to fourth place. Slavia dropped one line to third place, but Wilhelmina, Moreland and Juventus each dropped two places to fifth, sixth, and seventh respectively. But the even balance between these six clubs is clearly indicated by the fact that for weeks there hasn't been more than two league points separating the topmost club from the lowest.

Disappointment of the six is Juventus — but they have only themselves to blame because the answer to their problem is there for them to see. Their defence is still reasonably sound — they have conceded only 14 goals in 11 games. But at this stage last year, they had scored 40 goals — exactly twice as many as this year's 20!

There are two reasons for the lack of goals, and nothing can be done about the first — this year's tougher opposition. But the second problem can be overcome simply by moving Beppi Plateo to centre-forward. With Weinber on his left and Bottari on his right, Juventus will get goals.

Most satisfied of the fans who saw last week's round of games were undoubtedly the thousands who went to Hawthorn to see Wilhelmina v. Hakoah. They had 90 minutes of fast, clean, never-say-die football — a top-class thriller.

At the same time that the score moved in Hakoah's favor in the second period, their defence has never had a busier time — and

Hans van Egmond, in the Blues' goal, had to assume the mixed roles of diving, running, jumping, and fencing champion despite his bulk.

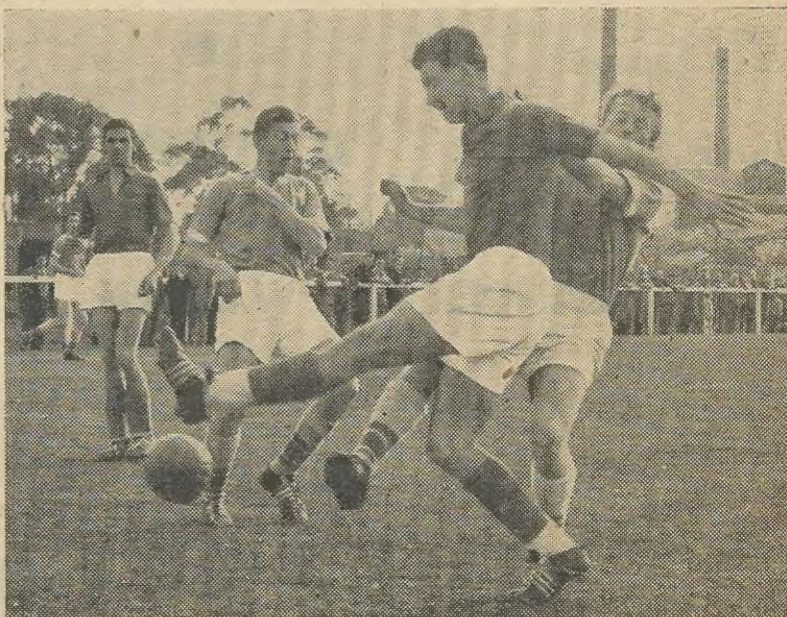
With the old firm back in defence—Czauderna, Capobus, Jakubowski, and Zablocki — Polonia can be expected to rise to better things before the end of the season.

Most inconsistent team at this stage is Slavia, who play First Division football one week and Third Division the next. Their opposite number is Geelong, a model of consistency, win, lose or draw.

LEADING SCORERS

HERE is a list of First Division goal scorers who have kicked more than three goals so far this season:—

Yntema (Wilhelmina)	10
Vella (J.U.S.T.)	8
Buissink (Brighton)	7
Copeland (Slavia)	6
von Nagy (Polonia)	6
Cubero (J.U.S.T.)	6
Eggler (Hakoah)	6
Loughran (Moreland)	5
Ardner (J.U.S.T.)	5
Bottari (Juventus)	5
Teuben (J.U.S.T.)	5
Scalamera (Geelong)	5
Wilson (Moreland)	5
Schipperheyn (Wilhelmina)	5
Cook (Slavia)	4
de Bruyckere (Wilhelmina)	4
Layten (Wilhelmina)	4
Aranyi (Juventus)	4
Plateo (Juventus)	4
Bell (Slavia)	4
Lachmann (Brighton)	4
Goddard (Moreland)	4
Peterson (Hakoah)	4



JOHANN NEUHOLD snapshoots under Bill Westerveld's extended leg in last week's Hakoah-Wilhelmina thriller at Hawthorn. Cor Mathysen (left) and Antol Eggler (centre) are on the spot, too, but Joe Ruyters (not shown) had the shot well-covered.

Metropolitan round-up

PORT MELBOURNE staged a great recovery in their METROPOLITAN SOUTH game against Ferntree Gully last week, when they scored three goals in the last 15 minutes to run out winners, 4-3 (writes Don Sutherland).

A feature of this game was the display of Port's goalkeeper, and the combination of the team generally. Ferntree will have to remedy their stamina defects if they are to hold their position in the league.

Vic. Police made a welcome return to the winning list with a 2-1 victory over Wilhelmina, with young Police recruits Jim Saxe and Blecker scoring the goals.

Ralph West, despite being at fault with Wilhelmina's goal, made a pleasing debut for the Police. Wilhelmina played well, but a missed penalty proved expensive.

In a closely-contested game, Croatia triumphed over Sandringham City, 2-1. Sandringham were very pleased with the displays of Cantwell and Sullivan, both promoted from their strong reserve team.

G.M.H. do not appear to have fully solved their administrative problems and were soundly defeated by Melbourne, 8-1. They started their game with nine men, and eventually fielded a player in street clothes.

Apparently there was a misunderstanding regarding the venue of this match, and it is to be hoped that in the future G.M.H. will be able to consolidate their ranks and give support to the men who are keeping the club active.

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On Yallourn's "recovering" list: Ostlund and Neudinger — ankle injuries. Yallourn were full of praise for the referee who handled their Sunshine City game last week.

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Richmond, beaten 4-0 by Heleneic, suffered their worst defeat of the season last week — "for no reason at all." But with more co-ordination they hope for more luck against Preston.

JUNIOR SOCCER

THERE are no junior games this week. However, some juniors will have the opportunity to perform under the first-class conditions at Olympic Park when the final trial for the Victorian team is conducted as the curtain-raiser to the Victoria v. Queensland interstate match (writes Barry Matthews).

The teams are:

Blue — Suttie (Essendon), A. N. Other (Juventus), Whitey (Brighton); Stalk (St. Albans), Brincan (St. Kilda), A. N. Other (Juventus); Lewington (Brighton), A. N. Other (Juventus), Geattaicher (St. Albans), Taylor (St. Albans), A. N. Other (Juventus).

Reserves — Goalkeeper (Juventus), right-back Moss (Juventus), inside-forward Delmonte (Brighton).

Blue and White — Brown (Box Hill); Janka (Essendon), Love (Essendon); Van Maaman (Box Hill), Matthews (Essendon), Vasily (St. Kilda); A. N. Other (Juventus), Skiba (Polonia), Silbuster (St. Kilda), Culbard (Sunshine City), Chapman (Brighton).

Players meet at the River entrance no later than 12.30.

Selection of the Metropolitan Under 18 team is well under way. Two under 18 teams will meet at Olympic Park on Monday — again

as a curtain-raiser to the interstate game. It is good to see that the State's youngest soccer players have been given the chance to play in "big game" atmosphere. The two teams will practise at St. Kilda's Middle Park ground on Sunday, commencing at 1.30.

St. Albans turned up trumps in the Under 20's last Saturday by drawing with Essendon 1-1. Essendon had defeated St. Albans 3-1 the previous week in the Cup round. St. Albans have been making their presence felt this year — they were only defeated by league leaders, Juventus, 1-0 and defeated Sunshine City 2-1.

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More letters to the editor

REFEREES HAVE SPOILED THESE GAMES — HE SAYS

SIR,—On behalf of friends and myself, I would like to mention some of the errors we have noticed with several referees.

Recently, we have seen several first class matches, and in our opinion the standard was far below average. If they continue this way, soccer — and some good players — will be ruined.

In two games the best teams were beaten, mainly through obvious mistakes. The matches were not what one would call rough. But the inevitable happened when the referee penalised players too heavily or not at all.

In one of the games, seven players' names were taken, and one was sent off for hardly any reason. Other players were booked several times, but remained in the game.

Is this logical? It demoralises a team and nurtures animosity

between players, besides lowering their ambition to win the premiership. Supporters lose interest because competition is limited.

We think that is the worst thing that could happen because it's the gate money clubs need.—Yours, etc.,

D. HOWES,
c/o 22 The Broadway,
Camberwell.

RECORD PROTESTS?

SIR,—Re Mr. F. B. Stephens (Yallourn) letter, published in your June 1 issue.

The only time Yallourn or their supporters do not protest is when they win! If you examine the facts, Yallourn have the biggest record of protests in the history of soccer in Victoria.

I agree with Mr. Stephens, the V.A.S.F.A. should take action against any offending club, that it should provide official linesmen, and I would like to go one step further and say, "Expel the offending clubs."

This is one way to keep Yallourn in Yallourn and save members of other clubs the risk of being

bashed by Yallourn spectators, as happened in our case last year in Yallourn, and other incidents which we did not report and against which we did not protest.—Yours, etc.,

F. J. DEMETRIE
(Hon. Gen. Secretary,
Hellenic Athletic Branch).

[Mr. Stephens said the V.A.S.F.A. should take action against any club which allowed their spectators to interfere with play. He alleged that in the Yallourn v. Hellenic game, "the home side (Yallourn) were given the advantage of a goal because spectators adjacent to the home goal put the ball back into play after it had passed the goal-line."]

REF.'S BIASED!

SIR,—You cannot always blame the players for disagreeing with the referee and losing their tempers, as they are only playing the best they can for their team.

Referees and linesmen, too, should be good sportsmen, and their feelings should be neutral.

To have good "A" grade soccer in Australia, you must have good referees — and good referees are not biased!—Yours, etc.,

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No "Referee's Page" this week. Feel we've got enough about refs. to do without it!

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Division 2 details

THE Second Division has at last sorted itself out a little, and the battle now appears to be between South Melbourne United, George Cross, Yallourn and Hellenic (says Des Hamilton).

Richmond and Preston dropped points last week, and the fact that they are due to meet each other in the next round of league games makes their task look somewhat hopeless.

Hellenic, due to meet the league leaders in their next match, also must reverse their first round defeat to stay with the challengers.

Yallourn look the likely team to upset the leaders. Their victory at Sunshine last week confirmed their recent good form.

However, the next two weeks' lay-off from league games, the interruption of Cup matches and possible postponements when the touring teams arrive may have an effect on future results.

NEXT WEEK'S DOCKERTY, ARMSTRONG CUP GAMES

DOCKERTY CUP.

Second Round.

Heidelberg v. Hakoah.
Pahran v. Dandenong.
Richmond v. Box Hill.
Hellenic v. Coburg.
Preston v. Slavia-Port Melbourne.
University v. Park Rangers.
Sunshine City v. St. Albans.
Maccabi v. Yarra Park.
Polonia v. Yallourn.
Brighton v. F.N.D.
George Cross v. Bendigo.
Juventus v. Newborough United.
Wilhelmina v. Wodonga.

South Melbourne v. Geelong.
Moreland v. Melbourne.
Footscray City v. J.U.S.T.

HARRY ARMSTRONG (RESERVE) CUP.

Second Round.

Brighton v. Lions.
Coburg v. Sandringham City.
South Melbourne v. George Cross.
Slavia v. Juventus.
Hakoah v. Moreland v. J.U.S.T.
Box Hill v. F.N.D.
Sunshine United v. Richmond.
Wilhelmina v. Polonia.

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RESULTS

DIVISION 1.

Wilhelmina 2, Hakoah 3.
J.U.S.T. 3, Moreland 2.
Polonia 1, Juventus 0.
Slavia 0, Brighton 1.
Box Hill 1, Geelong 2.

DIVISION 2.

Pahran 3, Preston 3.
Sunshine City 0, Yallourn 2.
South Yarra 1, George Cross 4.
South Melbourne 4, Footscray C. 0.
Hellenic 4, Richmond 0.

DIVISION 3.

Moorabbin City 1, Frankston 6.
Hayduk 0, Yarra Park 5.
Coburg 1, Brunswick 2.
F.N.D. 2, Maccabi 4.
Dandenong Rovers 2, Vic. Colts 1.
Park Rangers 6, Sunshine Utd. 6.

DIVISION 1 RESERVES.

Hakoah 2, Wilhelmina 3.
Moreland 1, J.U.S.T. 5.
Juventus 2, Polonia 1.
Brighton 1, Slavia 4.
Geelong 3, Box Hill 1.

DIVISION 2 RESERVES.

Preston 2, Pahran 4.
Yallourn 2, Sunshine City 2.
George Cross 4, South Yarra 1.
Footscray City 0, South Melb. 1.
Richmond 0, Hellenic 1.

DIVISION 3 RESERVES.

Sandringham City 4, Park R. 2.
Maccabi 6, Moorabbin City 1.
I.C.I. 2, Heidelberg 0.
Florentina d. University, W.O.
Sunshine Utd. 1, Coburg 2.
Lions 5, Dandenong 1.

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

Lions 6, St. Albans 1.
Heidelberg 6, C.S.R. 3.
I.C.I. 5, Bayswater 1.
University v. W'town, postponed.
Fairfield 5, C. Fert. 2.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

Vic. Police 2, Wilhelmina 1.
Melbourne 8, G.M.H. 1.
Pascoe Vale 0, Rosebud 5.
Croatia 2, Sandringham City 1.
Port Melb. 4, Ferntree Gully 3.

STATE TRIAL.

Victoria 3, Geelong 2.

School fixtures

TECHNICAL Schools' soccer fixtures (all kick-offs at 2.15 p.m.):

JUNE 19.

SECTION 1: Jordonville v. Ferntree Gully; Swinburne v. Pahran; Richmond v. Box Hill. SECTION 2: Dandenong v. Caulfield; Sandringham v. Moorabbin; Brighton v. Oakleigh. SECTION 3: Heidelberg v. Essendon; Footscray v. Sunshine; Collingwood v. Coburg; Preston, bye.



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HOW THEY STAND

DIVISION 1.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
J.U.S.T.	11	9	1	1	28	19	19
Geelong	11	4	5	2	15	10	13
Slavia	11	6	1	4	24	19	13
Hakoah	11	6	1	4	19	18	13
Wilhelmina	11	5	2	4	27	15	12
Moreland	11	5	2	4	23	18	12
Juventus	11	4	3	4	20	14	11
Polonia	11	3	2	6	15	21	8
Brighton	11	4	0	7	15	22	8
Box Hill	11	0	1	10	6	36	1

DIVISION 2.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
S. Melb.	11	8	2	1	24	12	18
Geo. Cross	11	8	1	2	25	9	17
Yallourn	11	6	3	2	32	16	15
Hellenic	10	6	0	4	22	17	12
Richmond	11	5	2	4	19	17	12
Preston	10	4	3	3	23	17	11
Prahran	11	3	3	5	19	24	9
Sunshine C.	10	2	2	6	12	19	6
F'scray C.	10	1	2	7	14	31	4
S. Yarra	11	1	0	10	11	39	2

DIVISION 3.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Yarra Park ..	11	9	1	1	41	18	19
Hayduk	11	6	3	2	19	15	15
Maccabi	11	6	2	3	30	19	14
Dandenong	11	5	4	2	28	19	14
Frankston	11	6	1	4	25	19	13
Sunshine U.	11	5	3	3	31	26	13
Coburg	11	5	2	4	21	12	12
Brunswick	11	4	3	4	17	17	11
Vic. Colts	11	4	1	6	26	23	9
Park R.	11	4	1	6	21	27	9
Moorabbin	11	0	2	9	14	52	2
F.N.D.	11	0	1	10	4	35	1

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
I.C.I.	11	6	4	1	32	18	16
W'town	10	7	0	3	29	28	14
Lions	10	6	1	3	40	14	13
University	9	5	1	3	17	15	11
Bayswater	10	5	1	4	23	22	11
Fairfield	11	5	1	5	21	23	11
Heidelberg	10	4	2	4	29	21	10
St. Albans	10	4	2	4	23	22	10
C.S.R.	11	2	1	8	25	37	5
C.F.C.	10	0	1	9	12	51	1

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melbourne ..	9	9	0	0	78	10	18
Croatia	9	6	2	1	22	12	14
P. Melb.	9	6	1	2	34	16	13
Vic. Police	11	5	2	4	29	25	12
Ferntree G.	11	4	4	3	29	34	12
Rosebud	10	5	1	4	38	24	11
Wilhelmina	10	4	2	4	44	40	10
S'ham C.	9	2	2	5	17	20	6
Pascoe Vale	11	1	0	10	15	59	2
G.M.H.	11	1	0	10	6	72	2

DIVISION 1 RESERVES.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Juventus	10	9	0	1	39	10	18
Wilhelmina	11	8	0	3	28	25	16
Polonia	10	6	2	2	25	13	14
J.U.S.T.	10	6	1	3	25	16	13
Moreland	9	6	0	3	30	14	12
Geelong	10	6	0	4	28	15	12
Hakoah	9	3	1	5	13	16	7
Brighton	11	3	0	8	13	46	6
Slavia	11	2	0	9	17	37	4
Box Hill	11	1	0	10	13	39	2

DIVISION 2 RESERVES.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Geo. Cross	11	10	1	0	38	10	21
Yallourn	11	5	3	3	34	19	13
S. Melb.	11	6	1	4	29	18	13
Sunshine C.	11	5	3	3	25	22	13
Richmond	11	5	2	4	29	18	12
Prahran	11	4	3	4	35	24	11
Preston	11	4	2	5	25	22	10
Hellenic	11	4	2	5	15	17	10
F'scray C.	11	1	2	8	5	31	4
S. Yarra	11	1	1	9	8	52	3

DIVISION 3 RESERVES.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lions	11	8	2	1	37	15	18
S'ham City	11	7	2	2	22	18	16
Coburg	11	6	3	2	26	13	15
Sunshine U.	11	6	3	2	19	14	15
Fiorentina	6	6	0	0	29	0	12
Dandenong	9	6	0	3	22	16	12
I.C.I.	11	6	0	5	20	21	12
Maccabi	10	5	0	5	23	18	10
Park R.	11	3	1	7	18	41	7
Heidelberg	11	2	1	8	16	34	5
University	10	1	2	7	14	33	4
M'abbin C.	11	1	0	10	19	42	2

Olympic Park Programme

THE Olympic Park programme to mid-July is as follows:—

JUNE

- 15—Victoria v. Queensland (3 p.m.); Junior State team trial (1.30 p.m.).
- 17—Victoria v. Queensland.
- 22—No matches.
- 23—World Cup (2 games).
- 29—Geelong v. Hakoah.
- 30—Juventus v. J.U.S.T.

JULY

- 6—Geelong v. Slavia.
- 7—Victoria v. Hungary.
- 13—Hungary v. Austria.
- 14—Victoria v. Austria.

★ ★ ★

Lions' right-winger, Frank Diclamante, had the tips of his fingers on one hand badly cut in a works accident — but played in the Preston Dockerty Cup replay.

★ ★ ★

Victoria Police say their play "still leaves a lot to be desired," but they showed slight improvement beating Wilhelmina 2-1 — their first win for a month. Star man was L. Wiggins at left-back. Chimer and Morton also rated high.

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